

Remarks

Claims 1-13 were pending.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 13 are amended.

Claim 6 is cancelled.

Claims 11 and 12 are original.

Claims 14-17 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-5 and 7-16.

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 13 are amended to remove improper "us" terminology and to reword the claims as method claims. Claim 1 is also amended to reflect the broader disclosure of the application by referring to the antimicrobial treatment of substances rather than surfaces.

Claim 1 is therefore amended by deleting the term "The use" from the first line and the term "in the antimicrobial treatment of surfaces" from the last line and inserting at the beginning of the claim the phrase "A method for the antimicrobial treatment of substrates by applying onto or incorporating into said substrate". Claim 1 is further amended for clarity by inserting the phrase "a composition comprising" immediately prior to the term "a compound of formula 1".

While word for word antecedence is not found in the specification, however, support is inherent in the original claims, the various embodiments of the specification, e.g., the first paragraph of page 1, and in the examples where compositions comprising the compounds of formula 1 are shown to be effective as anti microbial agents.

Likewise, the term "Use" in claims 2-5, 7-10 and 13 is replaced with "A method" and claims 3-5 are further amended by inserting the phrase "a composition comprising" immediately prior to the term "a compound of formula 1".

Claims 3-5, and 7-10 are further amended to remove multiple dependencies.

The following amendments were also made for clarity:

- In claim 3 the phrase "used in the antimicrobial treatment, deodorisation or disinfection of" is deleted and replaced with "applied to".
- In claim 4 the phrase "is used in" " is deleted and replaced with "provides for" and the phrase "of a substrate" is inserted at the end of the claim.
- In claim 5 the phrase "used in the treatment of" is deleted and replaced with "applied to".
- In claim 7 the phrase "used in" is deleted and replaced with "incorporated into".
- In claim 10 the phrase "used as" is deleted and replaced with "incorporated as".

Support is inherent in the claims.

Claims 8 and 9 are further amended to remove multiple ranges and to delete redundant recitation of limitations found in the parent claim.

Claim 14 is added to reclaim material deleted from claim 1.

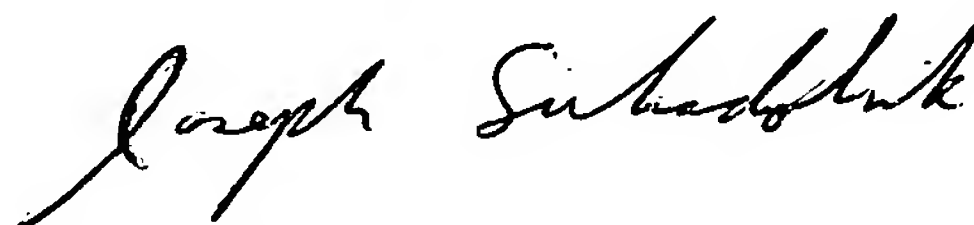
Claim 15 and 16 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 3 and 4.

Claim 17 is added to reclaim material deleted from claim 8.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited

Respectfully submitted,



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